

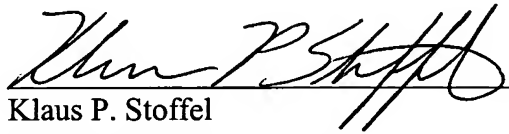
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The present amendment is submitted prior to the issuance of a first Office Action and simultaneously with the filing of the present application.

With this amendment Applicant have amended the specification and the abstract, canceled claims 1-14 and added new claims 15-28, all in an effort to place the application in better condition for examination.

Favorable action on the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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